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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southron in 1866. The Watchman and Southron now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

A large percentage of murderers are never brought to trial, being exonerated on one flimsy pretext or another by the jury of inquest, and convictions do not average one out of ten of those brought to trial, yet Gov. Blease sees fit to abuse the power that he possesses by turning loose on the State at one time fifty-six man killers, whom not even the tender-hearted petit jurors could be persuaded to acquit. It is safe to assert that the man-killer who does not get by a petit jury is guilty beyond the shadow of a reasonable doubt, and richly deserves all the punishment he may receive, hence it is almost inexplicable that any man, save one who has no respect for law and no consideration for the rights of the law-abiding people of the State, would set free a horde of criminals. It must be said, however, that Gov. Blease is aided and abetted by those who prepare pardon petitions and the hundreds who sign them. He is always able to hide behind petitions and throw the burden of responsibility for the most outrageous pardons upon the attorneys who represent the criminals and the people who sign the petitions.

Mayor Grace, of Charleston, is camping on the trail of Congressman Whaley and is now in Washington with a trunk full of affidavits to prove the truth of his charge that Whaley procured his election through the corrupt use of money. Mr. Grace is a persistent and relentless enemy and may eventually succeed in making good his charges, but if he wins a victory he will accomplish no good for Charleston or the First district, for he is working to destroy a political enemy and not to purify the corrupt politics of Charleston. It is generally admitted that all the candidates in the First district used money in the election and that if Whaley is guilty all the others are equally culpable, and they lost and he won only because he had more money to spend and a more efficient machine than his opponents. Mr. Grace fails to have the sympathy and support of the public in his fight on Mr. Whaley for the reason that the belief is widespread that nothing would have been heard of the vile and loathsome corruption politically of Charleston had Mr. Grace's friend defeated Mr. Whaley.

The Nobles of the Mystic Shrine will find the Oasis at Sumter a pleasant place of sojourn. The welcome of sincere hospitality awaits them.

The death of President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway, in the prime of life and at the time when his many years of constructive labor for the development of the South was beginning to bear fruit abundantly, is to be deplored by all who love the South. He was a man with a vision and the position he occupied enabled him to set in motion forces and agencies that were rapidly transforming his dreams of industrial greatness and agricultural supremacy for this section into realities. We have the belief that the foundations of his constructive work have been so well laid that it will go forward under the direction of his associates and successors to a complete fruition of his hopes.

ENGINEER THINKS OF TRAIN.

William Carr, Although Scalded by Water and Steam, Subdues Erratic Engine.

Metuchen, N. J., Nov. 24.—William Carr, engineer, was bringing his express train of seven coaches from Philadelphia to the Pennsylvania terminal in New York today when just this side of Trenton his locomotive's steam chest exploded. In an instant he was enveloped in steam and scalding water streamed over him. Carr, knowing he must bring his train to a halt, closed the throttle and threw on the emergency brakes.

As the train stopped trainmen found Carr unconscious in his car, his flesh terribly scalded, his hand still on the throttle. Tonight he lies in St. Peter's hospital hovering between life and death.

DISPENSARY CASE ARGUED.

Messrs. Jennings, Clifton and Purdy Appear Before Supreme Court Today.

Columbia, Nov. 25.—Mayor L. D. Jennings and Senator John H. Clifton appeared in the Supreme Court today against the finding of the State Board of Canners in the Sumter county whiskey election case and Judge R. O. Purdy appeared for the other side. The case was argued but no decision was rendered.

An order with date blank was sent up to the Supreme Court by J. C. Otts, of Spartanburg, attorney for those seeking to disbar C. P. Sims, of Spartanburg, for an order which will when signed, give date for the hearing in the case.

AUGUSTA FILES CLAIM.

Alleges Discrimination in Columbia's Favor.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Because Columbia recently won a decision from the interstate commerce commission which gives that city lower freight rates hereafter, and which knocked out the advantage which Augusta formerly enjoyed, the latter city today filed complaint in retaliation with commission in which it is alleged that Columbia, Charleston and Savannah are given an undue advantage in shipping rates.

The complaint is brought against the Southern railway and it is claimed that, on September 23, 1913, the defendant arbitrarily increased rates on cotton from points in South Carolina to Augusta by about 3 cents per hundred pounds.

It is claimed that this increase is unfair, unreasonable and unjust, and works discrimination against Augusta in favor of Carolina cities.

It is evident that this complaint has been brought to offset the decision recently given Columbia as the title of the case is the Augusta Cotton exchange and Board of Trade against the Southern Railway.

However, as Columbia has already received its decision, it appears to be too late for Augusta to move in the matter.

TRIED TO KILL HERSELF.

Spartanburg Woman Opened Blood Vessels With Scissors.

Spartanburg, Nov. 25.—Miss Mary Mood, 50 years old, attempted to commit suicide Sunday night by severing blood vessels in her wrist with a pair of scissors. She had been despondent because of ill health.

Miss Mood lives by herself in a cottage on North Church street. Mrs. Charles Christman, a neighbor, has been ministering to her in her illness. When Mrs. Christman called this morning she found Miss Mood in a weak condition, from loss of blood, and the latter confessed that she had tried to end her life. She later regretted her deed and attempted to staunch the flow.

Miss Mood was removed to the Spartanburg Hospital, where Dr. J. H. Allen said she probably would recover.

Miss Mood is a sister of the Rev. Russell Mood, a retired Methodist minister, now teaching school at Mt. Carmel, S. C. She is also a sister of Miss Josephine Mood, a school teacher in Florida.

LOSE FEDERAL AID.

"No Longer Recognized" as Part of Militia.

Columbia, Nov. 24.—Adjutant General Moore yesterday received a letter from A. L. Mills, chief of division of militia affairs, announcing that federal aid had been withdrawn from Companies F, First infantry; E, Second infantry, and E. H. and I, Third infantry.

The letter follows: "Referring to letter from the secretary of war to the governor of South Carolina, dated November 11, 1913, relative to the reinspection of certain organizations of the organized militia of South Carolina, I am directed by the secretary of war to inform you that from the reports received of the reinspection it is the opinion of the war department that Companies F, First infantry; E, Second infantry and E. H. and I, Third infantry, are without value as a federal militia asset at present, being no longer recognized as forming a part of the organized militia of South Carolina and from November 10, 1913, all federal assistance in supplies, money or personnel is withdrawn therefrom."

"In view of the foregoing, the sum of \$3,267.55 (ammunition, \$1,266.65 and supplies, \$2,100.90), being the relative part of the allotment for these five companies of the total allotment of \$25,163.48, to the State of South Carolina, under section 13 of the militia law for the fiscal year 1914, has this day been deducted from the amount to be credited to the State under this appropriation and credited to the unallotted funds under this act."

RURAL CARRIER KILLED.

Edgar F. Phillips of Ulmer is Shot and Killed by Grover Harter.

Barnwell, Nov. 24.—Edgar F. Phillips of Ulmer, rural mail carrier, was shot and killed in the store of Willie Brant, at Ulmer, Thursday night, by Grover Harter, a son of Dr. A. J. Harter. The weapon used was an automatic pistol. Two shots were fired, it is said, only one of which took effect. The ball entered Phillips' body in the region of the heart, causing almost instant death. Harter has been arrested and is now in the county jail.

From what can be learned here Phillips and Harter had been involved in some previous difficulty. There was a clash between the two men several days ago and a warrant was sworn out by Phillips charging Harter with assault and battery. The case was to have been tried before Magistrate Williams at Ulmer on Friday morning.

Phillips was in the store of Willie Brant Thursday night between 7 and 8 o'clock making some purchases. As he turned to leave, according to eye-witnesses, two shots were fired from the doorway. Phillips cried, "Boys, he's got me," and, staggering a few feet, fell behind the counter, where he died in a few minutes.

Coroner Woodward held the inquest and the jury brought in a verdict that Phillips came to his death from gunshot wounds at the hands of Harter. There were several eye-witnesses to the tragedy, among them being Frank and William Myrick, Herbert L. Dickinson, Hugh McMillan, Perry Harter and Henry Brant.

WANTS ROOSEVELT AS MANAGER.

Can't Get Col. Goethals, Dayton Turns to Ex-President.

The following special despatch from Dayton, Ohio, dated November 20th to the New York Times will be of interest.

Now Theodore Roosevelt is proposed for City Manager of Dayton, under the new commission form of government. Lucian E. Wilson, organizer of the Greater Dayton Association, and since last Spring's disastrous flood publicity man for the city, said today that if the effort to get Col. George W. Goethals, the Panama Canalbuilder, to take the place should fail, as now seems certain, the City Commissioners would offer the managership to Mr. Roosevelt.

The salary talked of is \$25,000 annually.

Don't Want Commission Form.

The city of Clarinda, Iowa, has voted on the adoption of the commission form of government, but the new form of government was defeated by a vote of 108 to 489. Clarinda will retain its former council with a business manager, the latter office having recently been created by vote of the people.

GREAT PROSPECT FOR TOBACCO.

Prices Will be Good no Matter How Much of the Weed is Grown.

Florence, Nov. 23.—J. W. Berger, formerly of Florence, now of Wilson, N. C., was in the city yesterday and he speaks most assuredly of the prospects for tobacco in this section. He says that it is the first time that he recalls that the dealers have unqualifiedly stated that there would be good prices for the next crop, no matter what the size might be. The manufacturers are short, and they need tobacco, and are willing to pay for it. Mr. Berger says that the chance for an increased crop in North Carolina and Virginia is very slim, for the maximum acreage is now planted in tobacco, and labor is short, and that in the cotton States is the only chance of material increase. Even in the cotton belt only the small farmer may be expected to bother with tobacco, the man who has his land to pay for, or notes to meet. The large landlord will not be interested in it, even for his tenants. Taking all things together, Mr. Berger says that he does not believe that five full crops, which is almost an impossibility, could depress the price of the weed.

City Manager Robertson has received from the office of State Insurance Commissioner blanks for the inspection of premises within the city. These blanks he has turned over to Capt. P. P. Finn, superintendent of the fire department, who will make inspections within the fire district and gradually throughout the city, at the direction of the State Insurance Commissioner, to whom he will make his reports. Mr. Robertson hopes by gradually making these inspections more and more rigid and enforcing the rules of the department to reduce the insurance rates in Sumter. He suggests that in future property owners in building houses see that the bricks are laid flat in the flues as this proves a saving in the end by reducing the insurance on property twenty-five cents on the dollar.

SYLVIA PANKHURST TALKS.

Suffragette is Surrounded by Her "Army" But is Not Annoyed by Police.

London, Nov. 23.—Supported by a large troop of her "people's army," Miss Sylvia Pankhurst addressed a meeting at Bow this afternoon and then marched under the escort of the army to her residence. No attempt was made to arrest her. Throughout the proceedings Miss Pankhurst looked nervously alert, clutching at her chair at the slightest noise.

Miss Zelle Emerson of Jackson, Mich., also made an address. Incendiary outrages were perpetrated by suffragettes Saturday, the boat house at Eastville park, Bristol, and part of a grandstand at Blackburn being burned.

Remedy as Bad as the Disease.

"On the seventh of February I contracted a severe cold followed by a cough and final loss of voice. I tried many remedies none of which did me any good. I then went to my family doctor and he swabbed my throat five or six times with some abominable stuff. I think it was beneficial but the remedy was as bad as the disease. At last the thought struck me—why not try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did so and this morning my voice is fairly good and is gradually growing better," writes H. C. Clay, publisher of The Reporter, Rapid City, Montana. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

TWO MINERS LOSE LIVES.

Fall Down Shaft Ninety Feet Into Water.

Waxhaw, N. C., Nov. 24.—Going down a mine shaft near here to find out what was the matter with a pump, Fred J. Bowden yesterday morning was knocked from the bucket, fell ninety feet into the water and was drowned. Will Crow, another young miner, went down to see what had become of Bowden and met the same fate.

A Hint to Young Mothers.

"When my children show the slightest symptoms of being croupy I give them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and when I have a cough or cold on the lungs I take it for a few days and am soon rid of the cold," writes Mrs. Clay Fry, Ferguson Sta., Mo. The first symptom of croup is hoarseness, give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and it will prevent the attack. This remedy contains no narcotics. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

560-Pound Bride.

Davenport, Iowa, Nov. 24.—Hundreds attended the marriage of A. L. Woollett, weight 133 pounds, of Ormsby, Wis., and Miss Ama Gene Bare, weight 560 pounds, of Olympia, Wash., the bride being the heaviest woman in the West today.

Miss Bergina Delhovo was bridesmaid, while acting as best man was James Boyd.

Had Taken His Weight in Medicine.

M. D. Faucett, of Gainesville, Ga., says he had taken his weight in medicine for headache and constipation, but never used anything that did him so much good as Chamberlain's Tablets. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

Judges Reach Columbia.

Columbia, Nov. 24.—Members of the Supreme Court reached the city this afternoon at 5 o'clock. It is expected that the disbarment proceedings against C. P. Sims, of Spartanburg, will be called in the morning. Great interest is being taken in the proceedings.

Hunger the Best Sauce.

Sauce is used to create an appetite. The right way is to look to the digestion. When that is good you are certain to relish your food. Chamberlain's Tablets improve the digestion and create a healthy appetite. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

FOR SALE.

The County Board of Commissioners offers the jail and lot owned by the county on the corner of Canal and Sumter streets for sale, bids to be received up to 10 o'clock a. m. of December 2nd, at the office of the County Board. All bids must be accompanied by certified check for two per cent of the price bid, and will be subject to acceptance or rejection, at the discretion of the Board.

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The Atlantic Coast Line operates through pullman cars to Key West and to Port Tampa, connecting at both ports with steamships for Havana. Tickets good via either route.

Arrangements will be made to accommodate passengers leaving Jacksonville at 1.15 P. M. Sunday, December 21st, via the Flagler System, the "Over-Sea Railroad," and steamship from Key West, leaving Jacksonville at 1.30 p. m. via Atlantic Coast Line; thence by Port Tampa and steamship which touches at Key West en route to Havana.

F. M. Jolly, Traffic Agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, who has resided in Havana fourteen winters, will accompany the excursion, and render assistance to passengers enroute and in the matter of hotel accommodations, sight-seeing, etc., in Cuba.

For schedules, reservations, description booklets and any further information, apply to Ticket Agents of the Atlantic Coast Line, or address

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